

TAIG

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MEETING NOTES: APRIL 25, 1982

Due to the possibility of our group soon outgrowing the present meeting place it was suggested that members be on the lookout for a larger place to meet. Anyone who has information on a good place, please contact Steve Crowley.

The subject of dealers selling things at the meetings was brought up and after a brief discussion the consensus was that it would be okay as long as "good taste" is maintained.

MOSIAC has certificates available which allow members of ATARI computer clubs a 10% discount on their products. Contact Steve Crowley to obtain a validated certificate.

SERVICE REPORT:

Computer Castle	2 OKs	(Now services EPSON printers)
Viking Audio Visual	2 weeks on a disk,	not back yet
Bohlig	no longer services	ATARI

Two publishers looking for authors of ATARI articles are:

SAMS 317-298-5400

TAP 717-794-2192

And don't forget TAIG!

Anyone wanting programs from the library can send an order, along with recording media, to our librarian: Phil Seifert, 48 Kelly Road, Chaska, MN 5538. This is in addition to the regular procedure of bringing the media in a MANILA envelope and a list of the programs you want to the meeting then picking up the filled order at the next meeting.

If you want to sign up for a bulk order of blank cassettes, call Mike Doleman, 861-1893.

There were no objections to the officials of TAIG being exempted from paying dues. This includes all officers and appointed or volunteered positions. Those who have already paid should get a refund.

A quick way to see if an ATARI has a GTIA chip:

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10 GRAPHICS 10
20 GOTO 20
Black screen = GTIA
Blue Screen = CTIA
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The new DS chips are available from Computer Castle. At \$16 a set plus \$3 installation for TAIG members, it's a deal you can't refuse. What do these chips fix? They fix the printer buffer repeats printer buffer repeats printer buffer repeats printer buff, and disk go to sleeps zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz

How about some bulletin board numbers:

PMS 929-6699	list of all local numbers	
CPM 869-5780	ZIM 561-6311	HEATH 778-1213
ONLINE 933-2606	ZIGGY BBS 426-9028	NOVATION 213-881-6880

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THE GRAPEVINE

YPLA - the Young Peoples' LOGO Association will no longer be sending out complementary newsletters. Those who are interested in an organization for young people directed at such things as ATARI's Pilot language should contact: YPLA, 1208 Hillsdale Drive, Richardson, TX 75081.

From ATARI Computer Club of OKC: Optimized Software Systems will be offering a RUN ONLY BASIC A+. Cannot be altered, just run. Price is a licence fee of 5 times the cost of your package. Minimum \$100, maximum \$500.

From ACAOC: A new magazine dedicated to ATARI called ANTIC is available. Price is \$15 a year for 6 issues. ANTIC Publishing, 297 Missouri Street, San Francisco, CA 94107.

NOTE: A reminder that the newsletters of various clubs are available at the monthly TAIG meetings for members to read. They have a lot of good information in them.

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NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

The following programs are currently in the PAY LIBRARY. Cost \$2.00.

Bug and Spider	chase game
Dungeon	adventure
Dupany	copy disk utility
Flags	guess the flag
Lunar	lunar lander game
Math.tut	math drills
Othello	Othello game
Screendump	dumps screen to Epson (GR. 8)
Simon	memory game
Surround	blockade game
Text Writer	formerly typewriter
XYgraph	plots a graph
Casdisk	copies bootable cassettes

The following are in the FREE LIBRARY. Cost nothing to own.

Termin-modem	modem program
Vidtex28.00	Compuserve's modem program
Autorun.sys	RS232 loader for disks
Tapeback	makes backups of boot tapes
Mathprint	prints math drills on printer
Adventure	an adventure
Disasm	a disassembler
Updnload	modem program for cassette
UltraPM	a player missile demo
Wumpus	hunt the wumpus
Soundtest	control sounds with joystick
Missile	missile command game
Nitemare	just run the program
Autorun.cas	autoruns csaved files
Autorun.bld	autorun.sys builder
Fugue2	plays a fugue
Biochart	plots biorhythm
Variable.lst	lists all variables to screen
Lander	lunar lander game
Botch	hangman game

Dayoweeek	day of the week program
Vegas	slot machine simulation
Metrics	conversion program
Robotwar	Stay away from the robots

The following is the MAY DISK-OF-THE-MONTH. Costs \$4.00 for the disk at the club meetings

Horse	Demo of a horse running
Booklist	Database system for books
Doggies	game for thinkers
Beginotyp	typing drills for you
Alien	shoot ships flying across
Chopstix	how about a little music
Hangman	what do you think it is
Pluszero	chase that zero
TTT	tic-tac-toe
DDhelper	creates players
Errtrap	utility for trapping errors
Alcohol	what is your blood alcohol %
Gallery	shoot'em down

I was very pleased by the response to the new library rules. For the most part, it went very well. However, I must insist on MANILA envelopes (not boxes, letter envelopes, etc.). The cost of postage and handling is \$1.00. If you want to order the programs by mail, please wait until summer is over. I am not in town during June, July, August and the first half of September. If you mail in orders during that time expect a delay of about 3 weeks. I will be town about twice a month including meetings (can't miss that, can I?). Your best bet is to wait until the meeting and give me the order then. I think I can get all the orders mailed out in 10 days. By the way, the horse program on the month's disk is available on disk only. Cassette owners can receive all others with no problems. Please feel free to give me some feedback and ideas on how to run the library.

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Children Will Play

by Phil Seifert

Yahoo, I am back! There were not enough articles and what not contributed to our newsletter to kick me off. That is your tough luck. You want to hear what are the hottest programs in total sales? If you don't, skip the following list. This message brought to you by a recent survey.

1. Snack Attack	Datamost
2. Castle Wolfenstein	Muse
3. Wizardry	Sir Tech
4. Midnight Magic	Broderbund
5. Ghost Hunter	Arcade Plus
6. Raster Blaster	Budgeco
7. Jawbreaker	On-Line
8. Bug Attack	Cavalier
9. Star Blazer	Broderbund
10. Mouskattack	On-Line

You may have thought that only four were available for our computer. If you did, you were wrong. David's Midnight Magic, Bug Attack and Star Blazer will all be available for your enjoyment.

Well, it seems there is a war going on and I am not talking about the Falklands (or, for Argentines, the Malvinas). This battle is being fought over the phone lines. Combat is the latest in computer warfare. You need is 24k and modem to call up the local Napoleon (provided he has one too!) and challenge him to a fight to the death. He doesn't have to have an Atari to play; he can have a TRS-80. Soon Apple owners will be able to join the fracas.

When you have found a combatant the two of you are placed on a combat reservation. It is a 64 by 64 area. Both sides get 8 tanks, 1 base, 3 decoys, 4 air recon drones, 200 rockets, 255 lasers, 250 shells, 200 mines, and 1 ICBM. The idea of the game is to find the enemy's base and nuke it. If this sounds like fun to you, then you can enlist with Adventure International for a price of \$20 for cassettes or \$25 for disks.

WARNING: As of 5/14/82 there are no disk versions available (recalled because of a bug) and the cassettes do not work. You may be wondering how I can play if that is the case. I bought the cassette version and copied it over to disk. It seems the problem with the originals is that the RS-232 handler is not booted right. If anyone has bought the cassette and wants a working copy, let me know. I have fixed that problem. Please buy the program. Our local Alexander is slowly conquering the world. We need reinforcements now!

For those of you who bought Temple of Apshai, there is an expansion module that has just been announced. It adds 179 more rooms and 4 levels. It is called the Cure of Ra. You can buy it for \$20, but you must have the original Temple of Apshai to play.

I am in Seventh Heaven right now. My all time favorite computer adventure game has just been released for the Atari. It is called ZORK (ta-dah). Zork I and Zork II are both available for \$40.00 and, I think, are worth the price. What you get is a text adventure but instead of two word sentences, you can use a real sentence, such as, "Drop all but the

sword" and "What is a grue?" I consider this adventure one of the all time greats. Unfortunately, you need a disk to play it. If you buy the game, you can join the Zork Users Group. That might give you an idea how good it is.

I have a new report of a high score on Jawbreaker. Rod Smoliak has achieved the score of 43,950. Nobody else has come forward to claim the honors for anything else. Come on, stop watching T.V. and play those games!

Centipede fans! There are two versions of the arcade game available now. One is called Megalegs, the other Millipedes. You can buy Megalegs in town, but I have yet to see Millipedes. If anyone has it, let me know. If anyone gets any new games just released, let me know about it, okay?

You cassette owners are in luck. Crossfire from On-Line is available now on cassette, and Apple Panic from Broderbund will be released soon. I recommend Apple Panic highly.

That wraps it up for this month. Got to run. I have to find a way to stop that dictator.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Two spelling checkers to work with your word processor will be available soon. Software Antics plans to begin marketing Spellwrite in mid to late summer. It is designed to work with Letterperfect, Text Wizard and the Atari Word Processor. It will cost \$75. Publication was delayed because of the work involved in getting ANTIC up and running. The first issue of ANTIC is short but contains a great deal of useful information. It will be reviewed in a future newsletter. DataSoft expects to have Spell Wizard available at the end of June. An updated version of Text Wizard will be out in the next couple of weeks. According to the fellow who answered the phone the day I called, registered owners will be able to obtain the new version for \$20.

YOUR ATARI COMPUTER by Lon Poole is now in area bookstores for \$15. I think that is well done and a useful addition to the libraries of all but the most advanced programmers.

Those of you who would like to translate programs written for other computers might find THE BASIC CONVERSIONS HANDBOOK FOR APPLE, TRS-80, AND PET USERS of interest. This Hayden publication is a mere 80 pages long but only costs \$7.95.

Anyone interested in contributing programs, reviews or articles, please call me (Dana Noonan) at 869-5544 evenings or weekends.

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NOTICE

This is the last newsletter being sent to old members who have not renewed thier membership. Since there are a fair number of those people we are including in this issue an opportunity for everyone to give TAIG a grade and offer any criticism (constructive of course).

If you can't bring this questionair to the next meeting then send it in, your effort will be appreciated.

Grade the following A,B,C,D or F.

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| _____ TAIG overall | _____ monthly meetings |
| _____ TAIG newsletter | _____ tutorials |
| _____ program library | _____ literature library |
| _____ value of membership card in saving money through dealer discounts | |

Please comment on any aspect of TAIG you would like to see improved.

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**TAIG Meeting Notice
Sunday May 23, 7:00 P.M.
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